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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 7, 2011, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed October 28, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 29, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 7, 2006.

The amendment filed April 7, 2011, is noted.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply form the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100, GAU 2155 for further processing.

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